

Cervical Cancinoma:

- ±3000 cases/ year
- Incidence falling → due to “Effective Screening”
- Nowadays, most patient are diagnosed in precancerous stages i.e. CIN (cervical intraepithelial neoplasia) aka → Cervical Dysplasia

Etiology: Oncogenic HPV (esp. types 16, 18): detected in 99.7% of cases of cervical carcinoma

Risk factors: 1-Sexual activity 2-Smoking 3-Immunosuppression

Presentation:

A) Symptoms:

- 1-No Symptoms (diagnosed during screening)
- 2-Post-coital bleeding
- 3-Inter-menstrual bleeding
- 4-Vaginal discharge
- 5-Post-menupausal bleeding

B) Signs:

- 1-Clinically: Irregular, friable cervix or ectropion (ectopy)
- 2-Colposcopy → “abnormal cervix”
- **Colposcopy is illumination & magnification of the cervix and the tissues of the vagina and vulva, Acetic acid solution (5%) الخل is applied to the surface to improve visualization of abnormal areas

**The transformation zone is classified as:

- Type 1: completely ectocervical and fully visible,
- Type 2: partially endocervical but fully visible,
- Type 3: not fully visible (hidden)

3-Cone biopsy: (LLETZ: i.e. large loop excision of the transformation zone)

Investigations:

- 1-EUA (examination under anesthesia)/Cystoscopy / Sigmoidoscopy
- 2-MRI used for assessing parametria & LNs (any extension beyond cervix → NO surgery allowed)
- 3-Chest X-ray

Treatment: (use only one modality)

1-Early stage (e.g. Stage 1A):

- a-Want to preserve fertility → Surgery (Cone biopsy + laparoscopic lymphadenectomy)
- b-Doesn't want to preserve fertility → Radical hysterectomy and pelvic lymphadenectomy

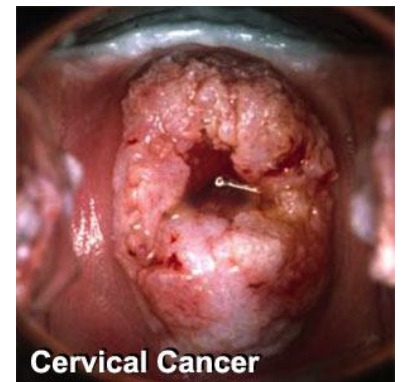
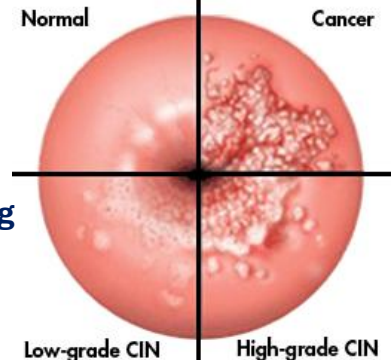
Remember:

- 1-Partial (subtotal) hysterectomy: has no indication at all
- 2-Total hysterectomy: removal of body & cervix
- 3-Radical (Wertheim) hysterectomy: removal of body + cervix + upper part of vagina (→ dyspareunia)
- 4-Pan hysterectomy: total + bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy

c-Cone biopsy can't remove the tumor but still want to get pregnant → “Radical Trachelectomy”
Removal of cervix + parametrium (with insertion of cerclage to avoid miscarriage)

2-Advanced disease: “Chemo/Radiotherapy”

- Side effects of radiotherapy: 1-Bladder: radiation cystitis, fistula 2-Rectum: radiation colitis, fistula
3-Pelvic tissue: fibrosis 4-Vagina: fibrosis, stenosis
- Side effects of chemotherapy: (Systemic) 1-Immunity suppression 2-Nausea and vomiting
3-Hair loss 4-Fatigue 5-Organ toxicity (e.g. Hepatotoxicity, Nephrotoxicity, Ototoxicity)
- 3-Patient will need HRT (Hormone Replacement Therapy)

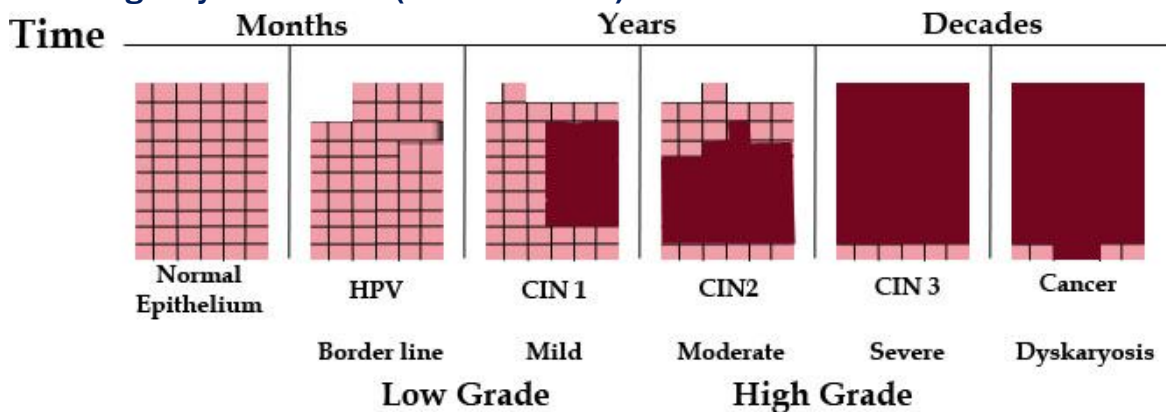


FIGO Staging of Cervical carcinoma:

1 → Carcinoma is strictly confined to the cervix; extension to the uterine corpus should be disregarded.	
1A	Invasive cancer identified only microscopically. Invasion is limited to measured stromal invasion with a maximum depth of 5 mm and no wider than 7 mm.
1A1	Invasion of the stroma no greater than 3 mm in depth and no wider than 7 mm diameter.
1A2	Invasion of stroma > 3 mm but < 5 mm in depth and no wider than 7 mm in diameter.
1B	Clinical lesions confined to the cervix or preclinical lesions greater than Stage IA.
1B1	Clinical lesions no greater than 4 cm in size.
1B2	Clinical lesions greater than 4 cm in size.
2 → Carcinoma extends beyond the cervix, but does not extend into the pelvic wall. The carcinoma involves the vagina, but not as far as the lower third.	
2A	No obvious parametrial involvement. Involvement of up to the upper two-thirds of the vagina.
2B	Obvious parametrial involvement, but not into the pelvic sidewall.
3 → Carcinoma has extended into the pelvic sidewall. On rectal examination, there is no cancer-free space between the tumour and the pelvic sidewall. The tumour involves the lower third of the vagina. All cases with hydronephrosis or a non-functioning kidney	
3A	No extension into the pelvic sidewall but involvement of the lower third of the vagina.
3B	Extension into the pelvic sidewall or hydronephrosis or non-functioning kidney.
4 → Carcinoma that has extended beyond the true pelvis or has clinically involved the mucosa of the bladder and/or rectum.	
4A	Spread of the tumour into adjacent pelvic organs.
4B	Spread to distant organs.

Cervical Screening & Precancerous life:

- 1st cervical smear at 25 years
- Dyskaryosis = Abnormal cells = refer to colposcopy
 - ▶ **Borderline:** refer non urgently if 2 persistent (with 6 m inbetween)
 - ▶ **Mild:** refer non urgently if one result
 - ▶ **Moderate:** refer urgently if one result
 - ▶ **Severe:** refer urgently if one result (within 4 weeks)



● Liquid base cytology:

-has replaced traditional smear taking, potentially less unsatisfactory smear, Potential for HPV screening

Likelihood of Regression, Persistence & Progression:

	Regression	Invasion
CIN 1	57%	1%
CIN 2	43%	5%
CIN 3	32%	> 12%

Prevention: “Cervical cancer vaccination” (at the age of 9-12 years)

● **Bivalent** → **HBV 16,18** ● **Quadrivalent** → **HBV 6,11,16,18**

Potential obstacles to vaccine:

- Cost efficiency**
- Public, parent & patient acceptance**
- Vaccine efficacy**
- Impact on cervical screening**
- Intervals between dose schedules**
- Emergence of other HPV types**
- Should men??**

